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BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. VN-2004-458

ACCUSATION

12 JECK CELAJE 485 Juniper St.

13 La Verne, CA 91750

Vocational Nurse License No. VN 204022

Respondent.

Complainant alleges:

<u>PARTIES</u>

1. Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. (Complainant) brings this

Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational

Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs.

2. On or about May 2, 2003, the Board issued Vocational Nurse License No.

VN 204022 to Jeck Celaje (Respondent). The Vocational Nurse License was in full force and

effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and expired on September 30, 2004.

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JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 2875 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under section 2892.1 of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.
 - 6. Section 2878 of the Code states:

"The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2840, et seq.)] for any of the following:

"(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

. . . .

- "(f) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a licensed vocational nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction."
- 7. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse.
 - 8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, states:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension, or revocation of a license pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the Business and Professions Code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a licensed vocational nurse to perform the functions authorized by his license in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

9. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

- 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2878, subdivision (f) and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 2521, in that Respondent has been convicted of a crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed vocational nurse, as follows:
- a. On or about June 4, 2003, Respondent was convicted by the Court on a plea of nolo contendere for violating one count of Penal Code section 12031, subdivision (a)(2)(F), a felony (carrying a loaded firearm), in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Pomona Judicial District, Case No. KA062174 entitled *The People of the State of California v. Jeck Avengoza Celaje*.
- b. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about June 2,
 2003, Respondent unlawfully possessed a loaded firearm.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

 Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License No. VN 204022, issued to Jeck Avengoza Celaje;

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